

REMARKS

Applicants have amended their claims in order to facilitate proceedings in connection with the above-identified application, so as to achieve earliest possible issuance of a U.S. Patent based thereon. Specifically, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claim 4 into claim 3; in light thereof, Applicants have cancelled claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer; and, in light of claim 6, have also cancelled claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer. In addition, in light of the "protective film-forming agent" and the "another protective film-forming agent" now recited in claim 3, Applicants have amended each of claims 7 and 8 to clarify the protective film-forming agent being recited in claims 7 and 8.

Applicants have also cancelled claims 14-17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Examiner is thanked for allowance of claims 10-13, in the Office Action mailed January 30, 2004. The Examiner is also thanked for the indication that claims 4 and 5 would be allowable if set forth in independent form, as indicated in Item 7 on page 7 of the Office Action mailed January 30, 2004. In light of incorporation of subject matter of claim 4 into claim 3, it is respectfully submitted that claim 3, and all claims now dependent thereon, should now be allowed.

Thus, in view of the present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3 and 6-13, all of the claims remaining in the above-identified application, should now be allowed.

The rejections of claims 3, 6-9 and 14-17 on prior art grounds, as set forth in Items 3 and 5 on pages 2-6 of the Office Action mailed January 30, 2004, are noted. These prior art rejections are moot, in light of incorporation of subject matter of claim 4 into claim 3, and further in light of the canceling of claims 14-17.

The concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 is noted. This concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement submits for consideration by the Examiner a copy of an Office Action in connection with a Korean Patent Application corresponding to the above-identified application, together with copies of documents cited therein; and also provides a list of documents cited by the Examiner in connection with a prior application of the above-identified application, Application No. 09/763,891, being relied upon under 35 U.S.C. §120 in the above-identified application. Copies of documents cited by the Examiner in connection with No. 09/763,891, are not enclosed herewith, in light of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). Consideration of all documents cited in this concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement, upon further examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

In view of all the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims in the above-identified application should now be allowed. Accordingly, allowance of all remaining claims in the application, after consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement, and passing of the above-identified application to issue in due course, are respectfully requested.

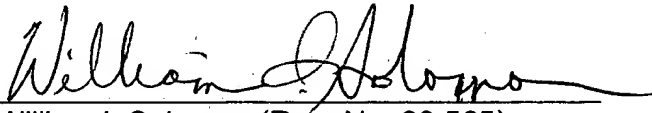
To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli,

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Terry, Stout & Kraus, No. 01-2135 (Application No. 566.39787CX1), and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.

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